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The much-vaunted "Flying Scotchman" express train between London and Edinburgh, in Great Britain, is still regarded by many persons as the fastest regularly scheduled train in the world. This, however, is a mistake, the speed of the "Scotchman" having been excelled by several railroads in this country, notably by the New York Central, whose "Empire State Express" between New York and Buffalo has, until within a few days, claimed the title of the fastest regular train in the world. This celebrated train runs from New York to Buffalo, a distance of 440 miles, in eight hours and forty minutes, which is at the rate of seventy-one seconds to each mile, or fifty and two-third miles per hour. Deducting all stops the average running time of this train is fifty-two and twelve one-hundredths miles per hour.

Now, however, comes a new claimant, which has been discovered that the Reading Railroad's ten-thirty a.m. train from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, as the "Seventy Minutes Five", is actually the fastest regularly scheduled passenger train in the world. The distance from Chestnut street wharf to the Camden terminus of the railroad is about a mile and a half, and the ferry boat trip and transfer of the passengers from the boat to the cars occupies ten minutes. This leaves sixty minutes for the railriding, and that is precisely the time allowed by the schedule to cover the fifty-five and a half miles which intervene between the Camden depot and the station at Atlantic City. A little figuring will show that this is a speed of sixty-five seconds to the mile, or the rate of fifty-five and a half miles per hour, beating the former record six seconds per mile and almost five miles per hour.

It should be understood that this refers to the speed of regularly scheduled trains over the entire length of their scheduled runs, and not to mere phenomenal bursts of speed or stretches of fast running to make up lost time or delays. The rate of fifty-five and a half miles is exceeded every day on the Reading Railroad, and possibly on some other lines, but on no railroad in the world, so far as known, is there a train run from end to end of its route at so great an average speed as that of the "Seventy Minute Flyer."

When the latter was established it was not with the purpose of breaking a record, but the officials was confident of their ability to run a train safely and promptly in the specified time or less if required. It was determined, however, to limit the train to six cars to insure quickness. This was found to be impracticable, and for more than a week the train has been carrying eight cars, including one or more heavy Pullmans, and making schedule time on every trip.

President McLeod can now congratulate himself that his road holds the "world's record" for the fastest mile (39 4-5 seconds, as timed August 27, 1891, by President McLeod, Mr. William Sangerly, of the Philadelphia Record, and others), and also has upon its time table the fastest regular train in the world.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENTS.

Work of Congress.

By a vote of 152 to 143 the House ordered the previous question on the special order to take up the bill for the repeal of the Sherman silver purchase bill, thus cutting off an attempt to order cloture. Then by a vote of 150 to 88 the special order was referred back to the Committee on Rules with instructions. This kills the bill for the session.——The Senate Committee which investigated the Homestead troubles made a report censuring both sides and stating their conclusions.——The pension bill is being discussed with much vigor before the House, owing to amendments proposing to discontinue pensions to all persons having an income of over $800, and to widows of all soldiers who were married to pensioners five years or more after the war closed.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendments to the Fortifications bill.

The credentials of Edward Murphy, Jr., and John L. Mitchell, Senators-elect from New York and Wisconsin, were placed on file.——The Senate took up the Nicaragua Canal bill, and Messrs. Frye and Morgan spoke in favor of the governments guaranteeing $100,000,000 of the canal's bonds. An effort is being made to revive the silver repeal bill in connection with the bill for the control and safety of national banks.——By a vote of 30 to 19 the Senate refused to take up the bill admitting New Mexico to Statehood.

Notes.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has recommended the confirmation of Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court bench.

Secretary Foster says that he would not hesitate to sell bonds if it should be necessary in order to maintain the gold surplus in the Treasury.

The nomination of Judge Jackson for the Supreme Bench will not be confirmed by the Senate until it is too late to appoint his successor in the Circuit Court.

President Harrison informally received the Hawaiian Commissioners and accepted their credentials as representatives of the present Provisional Government.

The House of Representative's Panama Investigation Committee has secured some of the books and papers of the Panama Canal Company's American agent.

The successful result of the Vesuvius tests may be followed by the building of another vessel of the same type, as the Naval Appropriation bill, approved March 2, 1889, contained a provision to that effect.

The Washington *Post* says in an article that Judge Gresham when first offered the Secretaryship of State in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet declined, and was only induced to accept after considerable pressure had been brought to bear on him.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS.

A Summary of Current Events—The World's Doings for the Past Six Days Gathered and Condensed for Our Readers.

General.

A combine of paper bag manufacturers is promised.

Boston bricklayers will work eight hours a day hereafter.

Silver in quantities is said to have been discovered near Brazil, Ind.

Governor Altgeld is restored to health and returned to Illinois Monday.

The Milwaukee Gas Works has been bought by a Boston syndicate for $2,500,000.

By running a bar room of its own, Clark County, Ga., made $14,000 last year.

The Texas Legislature refused to make an appropriation for a Chicago fair exhibit.

Twelve more deaths from the choleraic complaint prevalent in Marseilles are reported.

A witness of John Brown's hanging, William Nye, was burned to death at Berlin, Vt.

The American Girls' College, at Marsovan, in West Turkey, has been burned by a mob.

The Liberals in the Canadian parliament are fighting in favor of a tariff for revenue only.

American insurance companies are leaving Mexico because of the new tax on the business.

Minnesota capitalists plan to reclaim California's Mojave desert by irrigation at $1,500,000 cost.

Commander-in-Chief Weissert, of the G. A. R., has been announced as a candidate for re-election.

C. B. Wright, the Philadelphia millionaire, reduces his price for Tacoma's Water Works to $1,750,000.

A bill now before the Kansas Senate provides that offices be put up at auction and sold to the lowest bidder.

Coasters at Oldtown, Me., shot through a plate glass store window and Frederick Lovejoy received fatal injuries.

Brooklyn's alleged boodlers are said to have been reindicted to anticipate dismissal of the first indictments.

Pitcher & Nanda, of Short Hills, N. J., are flooded with checks forged by W. S. Rogers, a former employe, who has fled.

The original charter granted to William Penn in 1682 has been secured from England by Mr. Edward Muris, of Philadelphia.

Hugh O'Donnell, one of the leaders of the riotous strikers at Homestead, was put on trial at Pittsburg, charged with murder.

Ensign George W. Logan, of the Navy, has obtained leave of absence with a view of joining Peary on his next Arctic expedition.

John M. Ward, the noted baseball player, has been engaged as captain of the New York baseball club for the coming season.

Texas rustlers and a sheriff's posse fought near El Paso, and two rustlers, Charles Roddins and Henry Canfield, were killed.

Taken insane in a street car, at Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. Theodore Lyman, of Cold Springs, N. Y., began to preach to the passengers.

The municipal departments of Reading asked for $648,534 to run the city this year, but Councils cut down the figure $189,590.

The engagement is announced of Miss May McClellan, daughter of the late Gen. George B. McClellan, to Paul Desprez, of the French Legation, at Washington.

Jackson, the colored pugilist, has issued a challenge to Corbett to fight within ten months for the championship of the world and a bet of $10,000 a side.

Gardner, the agent of Dr. Parkhurst's Society in New York, was found guilty of extortion of money from notorious women, and sentenced to State's Prison.

Ohio coal operators have decided to abandon the plan to form a trust for the buying and selling of all coal as being impracticable. They will maintain rates, however.

F. W. Grennell, an ex-teller of the Honesdale (Pa.) National Bank, was arrested on a charge of embezzling $30,000 while teller. He is now living in Bay City, Mich.

The Grand Jury at Genesee, N. Y., has indicted Rev. Charles Flaherty, of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris, for felonious assault upon Mary Sweeny, under 16 years old.

Lizzie Harvey, aged 9 years, shot and killed George Turner, colored, aged 20, at Warfield, Ky. He was employed by the child's father and had offended her in some manner.

The will of James G. Blaine has been filed for probate in Augusta, Me. It was executed in Washington, January 7, 1893, and gives practically his entire estate to his wife.

Trustee Duss, the leader of the Harmonist Society at Economy, Pa., has aroused the opposition of many of the members by selling one of the large farms of the society for distillery purposes.

The Tammany delegation to Washington to attend the inaugural ceremonies will consist of 3,000 men. All will wear black suits and hats and will march in four divisions, each headed by a band of music.

Austria and Germany are perfecting arrangements for an international sanitary conference, at which noted specialists will discuss cholera preventatives.

President-elect Cleveland preserves entire silence in regard to his coming cabinet, and smiles pleasantly when asked to confirm or deny newspaper reports.

The Naval Board has made a distribution of the Chilean award among those entitled to receive it. The families of Riggin and Turnbull receive $10,000 each.

Henry J. Spencer, once in the Maryland Penitentiary for killing a man, committed suicide at Chicago because he so often lost employment through the story of his crime following.

It is announced in a Chicago paper that Judge Gresham has, at Mr. Cleveland's urgent request, accepted the Secretaryship of State. Judge Gresham refuses to confirm or deny the story.

Coroner Creamer, of Brooklyn, held an inquest on the body of James Ruck, who at threescore and ten committed suicide at his home, 11 Meeker avenue, Williamsburg, because the woman he loved deserted him.

The boiler makers of the Brooks' locomotive works, Dunkirk, after a long strike, during which the Seventy-fourth regiment was ordered to be in readiness to report, have surrendered and will return to their places.

Jack Clifford, on trial at Pittsburg for murder in connection with the Homestead riots, was acquitted by the jury. This is the second acquittal on the same charge, and seems to settle the result of other similar cases, which will nevertheless be pushed.

A Syracuse (N. Y.) jury has given a verdict for $350 in favor of a woman who had been kissed against her will. John T. Doyle, the defendant, was a State census-taker, and, after asking the usual questions, he threw his arm around the young woman and kissed her.

Mrs. Emily C. Woodruff, of Little Valley, N. Y., has been ordained as pastor of the Congregational Church. She is the third woman ever ordained by the denomination in the State. She has been conducting services in the Little Falls Church since the death of her husband some months ago.

The trial of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius at Port Royal, S. C., is being successfully concluded. Five loaded shells were fired at the 2,000 yard range. All of the shots fell in a direct line with the target, and two of them would have struck a small sloop had it been lying where the target was anchored.

The ice gorges on the Peerriwig flats and at Morris Island in the Delaware River at Trenton have backed up the water of the floods and done much damage to the property along the river banks on both sides of the river. All the river mills at Trenton are closed down and many houses are uninhabitable.

Within a year Professor W. G. T. Shields, Professor Louis F. Stern, Rev. Dr. Henry Vandyke and Professor John H. Worcester, all called to or occupied the chair of systematic theology in Union Seminary, New York, have died suddenly. Two doctors who attended Professor Worcester also died suddenly.

Attorney-General Miller has brought suit in the name of the United States at Boston against the American Bell Telephone Co. and Emile Beeliner, asking for the annulment of the telephone patent granted to Beeliner in 1891, and assigned to the Bell Company, by which that company proposes to keep up its monopoly of the telephone business for fifteen years longer.

The sentences in the Panama directors' cases have been announced in Paris. M. Ferdinand De Lesseps and his son Charles were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $600. M. Marius Fontane and M. Cottu were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and a fine of $600 each, and M. Gustave Eiffel was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $4,000.

The new association of railroad employes, organized at Chicago, is composed of all classes of railway employes including engineers, firemen, brakemen, switchmen, conductors, trackmen, carmen, painters, machinists, blacksmiths, telegraphers, clerks, train dispatchers, etc. It is formed, so the organizers say, for mutual protection, the advancement of wages, shortening of hours, and the securing of better conditions by railway employes.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

The Week's Quotations From the Trade Centers.

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LIVE STOCK—Hogs, $8.15 a $8.60 per 100 lbs.; calves, $5.00 a $9.00; sheep, $4.00 a $5.75; lambs, $6.00 a $6.80; milch cows, $25.00 a $50.00.

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OUR COMMISSIONER.

Col. M. M. Parker, who was nominated on last Tuesday, by the President, to succeed Col. J. W. Douglass, is a man of wide experience and great executive ability.

He is a gentleman of the highest type and a man of national reputation who will meet the repuirements and appease the people.

There is no man in this city who is more highly respected than Col. Parker. He is a high-ned and upright gentleman who has [illegible] had the respect and confidence of the people and we feel confident that he will discharge the duties of his office with dignity and honor. Col. here is our hand—☞

SCHOOL BUILDING.

We have had occasion before to refer to fairness and adsolute impartially with which the Hon Commissioners and Maj Eutwisle have treated the white and colored schools of this district.

They have endeavored to give to the schools of both races the best buildings, the best equipments and the best facilities at their command; yet, notwithstanding the care they have administered there are small things which need remedy.

The Garrison building is sadly in need of repairs as well as a more extende play ground fo the children. The Garnet building needs alteration and the same may be said of two or three other buildings.

We feel assured that these needs, though small, will have the attention of our efficient officers.

TO WHOM DOES HE REFER?

Hon. John M. Langston tells the Richmond Planet, that the three chief negroes residing in Washington city and it superb Anocostia" wrote "miserable letters and publication" against him pending his contest for a seat in the 51st Congress.

Would it not be well for Mr. Langston, since he proposes to enlighten the public on the subject of his political struggles, to frankly give the names of "the three chief negroes" referred to? Insinuation and inuendo are not the best weapons to be used by a public man.

Evidently the person referred to as residing in Anocostia is the Hon. Fred. Douglass, who are the other two?

C. H. J. Taylor is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds.

Taylor is a democrat from way back.

The people of this city are warned not to pay any money for stock in the Richmond fraud.

They are supporting a scheming set of officers.

Elect Robinson president of the Virginia State Association.

Commissioner Ross has a very high opinion of Col. Parker.

M. M Parker will give the people satisfaction.

Speaking at Lincoln park and exercises in the evening are what the people want.

Editor M. L. Robinson should be elected President of the Virginia state association.

Maj Davis has suggested some good plans to the Commisioners.

Let politics alone and husband your resources.

The Union League is becoming a strong organization.

The defeat of Col. Douglass is regretted by his friends.

THEY SAY.

Col. M M. Parker is Commissioner.

An excellent appointment.

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The colored democrats have organized.

A. St. A. Smith, the colored republican has joined the order.

The only colored democrats in Washington are Gilchrist, Len Moore, R. M. Dorsey and Jerome Riley.

The BEE will expose the fraud.

It is dangerous to be misunderstood by those who love you.

Be honest to your friends.

We are often misrepresented.

Street parades will be abolished April 16th.

A still tongue often makes a wise head.

The address of Dr. J. C. Nenwood before the Union League was logical and practical.

Lookout for the new dress.

Why don't you pay your subscription?

The Mississippi Coperative association is another fraud.

Beware of fraudelent enterprises.

If the Washington agent asks you to subscribe for stock have him arrested.

Madame Sisieretta Jones had a house in Chicago last week.

Remember the Y. C. A. Concert.

The Young Men's Christian Association is doing great good in the community.

Rev. Walter H. Brooks is an eloquent and logical minister.

The country is still safe.

Don't fail to attend the concert of Madame Sisieretta Jones.

Praise the bridge that carries you over safely.

Never praise a person because some one else praises him.

People often go to cities other than their home and make a big display.

Follow some such people home and you will find that they are a very small body.

Be careful of what you say, how you say and where you say it.

Gentlemen of elegant leasure fast young men, who get out to "make a day of it," and all other who love to take a 'spin' on the boulevard have their attehtion especially invited to the fact Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain, is just the thing they need to keep their trotters trim for the road. As a lotion for horsee it is postively without a equal.

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GLADSTONE'S BILL FAIRLY LAUNCHED IN PARLIAMENT.

A Great Speech by the Aged Premier—Liberal Enthusiasm—Irish Members Thoughtful—A Desperate and Doubtful Fight is Predicted.

Mr. Gladstone introduced his Irish Home Rule bill in Parliament on Monday, in a speech which occupied two hours and a quarter, and which is pronounced one of the ablest and most persuasive that he ever made. Scenes of the greatest enthusiasm preceded his progress to and arrival at the House of Parliament. Every seat in the House was occupied.

Mr. Gladstone spoke in a full resonant voice, and was in excellant physical condition. The speech was especially noted for its clearness and lucidity. Its closing portion, in which he spoke of the approaching close of his career, the history of English injustice toward Ireland, and of his own efforts to usher in an era of peace and good will to crown the discord of seven centuries, was a remarkable piece of pathetic but dignified eloquence.

The new Home Rule is modelled upon the bill of 1886. It is a much more homogeneous bill, however, and gives a more liberal extension of power to the Irish Parliament. In many respects the bill would place Ireland in a position similar to one of the States of the American union, having absolute control of its local government, together with representation in the Imperial government.

A majority of the Irish members fully endorse the bill, while the Parnellites reserve their opinion. It is recognized that the debate is to be one of the greatest in British parliamentary history, and that Gladstone means to stand or fall with the cause of Irish Home Rule.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Mexico has withdrawn her copper coins.

Dr. McGlynn preached in St. Augustine, Fla., Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of crusade fame, is ill at Lakewood, N. J.

The Capitan Prat, Chili's fine warship, is ready to sail from Toulon.

There has been a serious outbreak of choleriac disease at Marsailles.

Great success attended the cruiser Detroit's first trial trip near Baltimore.

Three pairs of twins in 3½ years is the record of Mrs. C. Carlson, of Renville, Minn.

More Cherokees are going to Washington to help defeat legislation they deem hostile.

An epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis has caused 20 deaths at Lonaconing, Md.

Germany's trade with the United States fell off $2,300,000 last year from 1891's figures.

The frozen body of a costly-clad infant in a box floated down to Washington, Ind., on an ice-cake.

New York bankers have ncreased their offer of gold to Secretary Foster to the amount of $50,000,000.

Jim Corbett declares his willingness to fight either Mitchell or Jackson if they will put up $10,000 forfeit.

Mme. Dis De Bar has been indicted at Geneva, Ill., for stealing $735 from Irene Mitchell, through spiritualism.

The "Big Four" strike at Springfield, O., is still on. Conferences have been held, but no agreement reached.

Secretary Foster has arranged to issue $50,000,000 of bonds, which will be offered for sale in exchange for gold.

Cardinal Gibbons confirmed a class of 108 boys at Washington, and extracted from each a pledge of total abstinence.

America's breadstuff exports last month fell off $16,680,000 from the "European famine" exports of last year.

Nine New Bedford (Mass.) cotton mills last year paid $18,000 in dividends, averaging 7.45 per cent. on the capital.

News has been received from Honolulu announcing the drowning of Miss Stevens, the American minister's eldest daughter.

The Commandant of New York's Old Guard, Major George W. McClean, caught cold at the Guard ball and has pneumonia.

The New York baseball club has been reorganized with Postmaster Van Cott as President, and a general reorganization will follow.

Fred. Gebhard and his sister have begun suits in New York to recover their respective interests in the estate of their maternal grandfather.

Owing to the heavy ice gorge in the Raritan above New Brunswick, N. J., it is feared there will be a great loss of property in the city when the ice breaks.

George Appo, a New York crook, was shot at Poughkeepsie by Ira Hogshead, who, with Ephraim Cassie, had come from Greenville, S. C., to purchase green goods.

In a glove fight at Coney Island, Johnny Griffin, of Baintree, Mass., beat Billy Murphy, of Australia, in seven rounds, for the 122-pound championship of the world.

Frank Hirth, a Detroit anarchist, whose body was cremated last week, he having committed suicide, left a funeral sermon defending suicide, which he wished read just before his body was incinerated.

Charles Francis Adams has offered to erect a memorial to Miles Standish if the Weymouth Historical Society will secure a site in Wessagusset settlement, where Standish fought his decisive battle with the Indians.

The President has accepted the resignation of Gen. T. J. Morgan, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to take effect on March 4, and has granted him a leave of absence from February 15 until the end of his term.

Charles Yang, a Chinese farmer near Long Island City, was strung up by three masked burglars while he was in his hut over night and robbed of all he had. He was nearly strangled to death before he released himself.

PLANS TO ANNEX HAWAII.

PRESIDENT HARRISON ANXIOUS TO SECURE THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

The Subject Is a Live One at Washington—The Way the Thing May Be Fixed—Congress Will Have To Provide the Money.

Negotiations looking to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands are in progress at Washington this week. It is stated that the Hawaiian annexation Commissioners and Secretary of State Foster have made substantial progress toward an agreement upon a basis for bringing the islands within the territory of the United States. It is conceded that President Harrison is anxious to secure such a treaty before the close of his term of office.

In case annexation of the islands be recommended by the Executive, the method of accomplishing it remains to be decided. The question has been discussed by those most interested, and it is understood that only two modes of procedure are deemed feasible. One is by treaty which the Senate alone may ratify; the other is by ordinary act of Congress, requiring joint action of Senate and House. It is believed that the former method will be adopted, if favorable action upon the proposition of the Hawaii Commissioners be determined on. To make the treaty effective, of course, the House would have to appropriate the necessary money, so that while the ratification of a treaty of annexation by the present Senate is a possibility, the execution of the terms of the treaty will be a heritage of the next Congress and administration. Meantime Paul Neumann, late Attorney General of Hawaii, and special envoy to this country of the deposed Queen, has arrived in Washington, accompanied by Prince Lomi-Lomi, to attempt to counteract the annexation and to secure the reinstatement of Quee Liliuokalani to her throne.

Crushed Under Tons of Marble Rock.

One of the most serious disasters in the history of marble quarrying occurred at West Rutland, Vt., on Saturday last. A mass of overhanging rock fell into the Sheldon Covered Quarry, instantly killing seven men and injuring several others, one of whom has since died. The victims were a gang at work, and were all middle-aged men. The quarry is operated by the Vermont Marble Company and is said to be the largest in the world. Its perpendicular depth is over 200 feet, running under a hill 300 feet or more. The accident occurred far under this hill. The killed and injured were buried under tons of marble rock, and the rescue was exceedingly difficult. The scenes around the quarry after the relatives and friends of the quarrymen arrived were indescribable. It was several hours before the dead and wounded were all released from their rocky prison. The dead and injured were insured by the company.

How They Wed in the Orient.

Some of the very strange marriage customs which prevail in Armenia were brought to light in the city court, Brooklyn, when Mary Papazian, 22, began a suit for annulment of her marriage to Joseph Papazian, 70. When she was married she was brought blindfolded into the church, as is the custom in Armenia. After the marriage ceremony was over she was taken to the home of the groom and then for the first time saw his face. Her bitter protest against her marriage to an old man were unavailing. Now she brings suit for an annulment on the ground that force was used.

Harmonites Dissatisfied.

The dissatisfied members of the Harmonist Society at Economy, headed by Benjamin Feicht, went into court at Beaver, Pa., and asked for the appointment of a receiver to wind up the affairs of the society. The bill is a lengthy one, and among other things alleges that through mismanagement $4,000,000 has been lost, and the petitioners believe the society is now insolvent.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Dutch steamer Grinds Hendrick sunk a French smack in the North Sea and four men were drowned.

John Redmond, in an interview, declared it his intention to bring up in Parliament the question of amnesty again.

The French Government has gained a decisive victory in the corps Legislatif, by a vote of 374 to 34, in an attempt to make the Government commit itself to a policy of intervention on behalf of the Panama Canal Company.

Eight thousand Canadians who live on the Magdalen islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, which are held by Isaac Tristam Coffin, of Boulogne, France, under feudal rights, have appealed to the government to release them from their vassalage.

A dispatch from Colombia says that the Goajira Indians roasted to death three white traders who were caught stealing young Indian girls for the purpose of selling them into slavery.

Ex Minister Baihaut, Mm. Berat, Proust, de la Fanconnerie, Gobron, Charles de Lesseps, Fontane, Cottu, and Blondin were arraigned at Paris on charges of corruption in connection with the Panama lottery bonds bills.

The Santa Clara (Mexico) newspapers report the recent death of Senora Dolores Machado, of Mienoz, who resided at Quemado, Hilario. She had attained her 118th year; and she left 14 children, 51 grandchildren, 120 great grandchildren and 48 great-great-grandchildren. Her oldest daughter is 101 years old.

The death is announced in London of Mr. Louis John Jennings, Conservative, member of the House of Commons for Stockport. Mr. Jennings who was well known in the United States, was born in London in 1836. He became connected with the New York Times and, while acting as editor of that paper, was chiefly instrumental in exposing and overthrowing the Tweed ring. Mr. Jennings returned to England in 1876.

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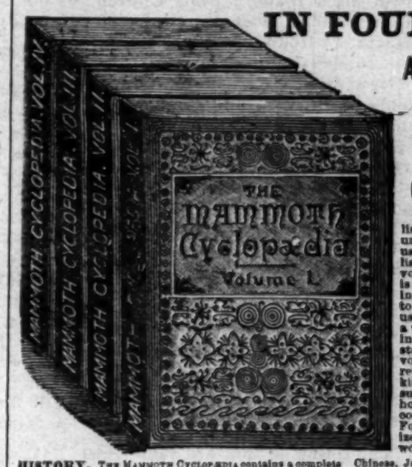

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Shirts embroidered by hand and costing $50 each came in fashion in the reign of Elizabeth.

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It is claimed that the power of some of the large electric search lights is equal to 100,000,000 candles.

The moon gives out heat enough to effect the thermometer, and make a difference of two or three degrees.

Men attending the pans in salt works are never known to have cholera, small-pox, scarlet fever or influenza.

Guineas were so named from the fact that they were first coined with gold brought from the coast of Guinea.

Many of the most appetizing soups that delight the palate of man are said to have been invented in the middle ages.

There are more swallow-tail coats to the square inch in Europe than there are to the square acre in the rest of the world.

The pin is no new contrivance. Pins are found among the mummies of Egypt and in the prehistoric caves of Switzerland.

The longest telephone line in the world is the one between New York and Chicago. It is nine hundred and fifty miles long.

There is a little town named Markneukirchen, in Saxony, where nearly every inhabitant is engaged in the manufacture of violions.

The pocket shooting-iron promises to become more deadly than ever. A revolver has been invented that shoots seven times in a second.

A telegraphic signal passes from end to end of the Atlantic cable, a distance of twenty-seven hundred miles, in less than one third of a second.

In Sitka, when an Indian wife has lost her husband by death, she goes into mourning by painting the upper part of her face a deep black.

George du Maurier, the English "society" artist is authority for the statement that women are growing taller, broader and generally healthier.

Dr. Clifford maintains that it is not too much to say that ten million persons are within the immediate influence of the Baptist churches of the world.

A Lancashire acre comprises 7,850 square yards; a Cheshire acre, 10,240 square yards; an Irish acre, 7,840 and a Scotch acre, 6,104 square yards.

The recruits for the British army are now required to stand 5 feet 4 inches in their stockings, measure 33 inches around their chests and weigh 130 pounds.

Variations in the size of raindrops are attributed to atmospheric disturbances, and to the height from which they fall, those from a high altitude being much the smaller.

Young ladies in France can not ask their admirers to call at their "homes," as the French language has no word for "home," but simply say "come to me," meaning their house.

Hitherto the simple consent of the contracting parties has been all that was necessary to make a couple man and wife in New York. The new law requires a witness and a record of the marriage.

Most tribes of American Indians have some faint tradition of the deluge or flood of Noah. The Musquakies, of Iowa, give the most intelligible account of it; several tribes in Alaska declare that the waters were hot.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To stop doors from creaking, put a little sweet oil on the hinges.

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Never boil chocolate in your coffee pot, as it would be likely to impart to the coffee an unpleasant flavor.

Glass should be washed in cold water, which gives it a brighter and clearer look than when cleansed with warm water.

To take the brown discolorations off of cups in which custards are baked, rub with damp flannel dipped in the best whiting.

Paint stains that are dry and old may be removed from cotton or woollen goods with chloroform. First cover the spot with olive oil or butter.

The true physiological way of treating burns and scalds is to at once exclude the air with cotton batting, flour, scraped potato, or anything that is handiest.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Wood alcohol trust has raised prices.

Philadelphia's council has adopted the $3,500,000 loan bill for public improvements.

The women of Norristown, Pa., have begun an agitation against local sparring matches.

New York will spend half a million this year to protect its water supply from disease germs.

The old New York Hotel on Broadway, New York, has been sold for $1,500,000, and will be torn down.

Mr. Gladstone announced in parliament that he would not ask the Queen to appoint a new poet laureate.

The French government announces that it will not permit England to enjoy an exclusive occupation of Egypt.

Dr. J. Thatcher Graves, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Barnaby, has been released from jail at Denver on bail.

Governors of Southern States are asked to meet at Richmond, Va., April 2, to consider plans to develop the South.

Christie Warden's mother claims the reward of $2,500 offered by the State of New Hampshire for the capture of Almy.

New York railroad men threaten that State with a coal famine if the McMahon bill to regulate prices passes the Legislature.

The Cincinnati *Post* is taking a vote of the Presbyterian ministers on "Briggism," and so far the vote is largely against.

Gladstone has surprised both friends and foes by the confidence and self-control he has shown since the opening of Parliament.

Terrible riots have occurred at Bogota, on the Isthmus of Panama. Troops restored order after 100 had been killed and some 700 injured.

President Harrison has pardoned ex-President Edgar Swan, of the City National Bank, of Lynn, Mass., in prison for violating the banking laws.

Ex-Governor Thayer, of Nebraska, who disappeared some time ago, has been discovered, poor and friendless, in the house of an old soldier near Lincoln, Neb.

The nieces of the late millionaire, D. B. Fayerweather, of New York, will endeavor to have his will bequeathing certain sums to educational institutions set aside.

Senator Carlisle's resignation has been sent in to the United States Senate, and he will devote his entire time to work in connection with the incoming administration.

Mr. Isador Straus, a wealthy and successful business man of New York, is said to have been selected by President-elect Cleveland for the position of Postmaster General in his Cabinet.

The three seamen of the Norwegian ship Thekla, from Philadelphia, now at Hamburg, who confessed to having eaten a companion to save themselves from starvation, will be taken to Norway and tried for murder.

Anna E. Dickinson has brought suit for $25,000 damages against three of the persons she accuses of having her shut up in an insane asylum at Danville, Pa., in 1891, from which she obtained her release, by process of law.

Robert F. Beatty was convicted of poisoning non-union men at Homestead. The Jury was out only fifteen minutes. Jack Clifford was then put on trial for killing Pinkerton detective T. C. Conners in the famous battle at Homestead in July last.

Detectives and lawyers have been busy in Asbury Park searching for some evidence which can be offered in the attempt to secure a new trial for Carlyle W. Harris, who was convicted of murdering his young wife. It is stated they had little success.

The defense in the case of Jack Gifford, one of the Homestead rioters on trial for riot and murder, in their evidence endeavored to prove an alibi for Clifford, and also a justification for the rioting and killing of the Pinkertons, but Judge Stowe refused to allow evidence tending toward the latter position to be given.

The further trials of the pneumatic guns of the cruiser Vesuvius, at Port Royal, S. C., have been very satisfactory. Two successive shots fired at 200 yards range struck exactly in the same spot. Great enthusiasm is shown by the officers and men in the belief that the vessel is designed to revolutionize naval warfare.

Much interest is excited in New York city in the divorce suit brought by Col. W. B. Sinn, the theatrical manager, against his wife, Cora Tanner, the actress. The suit is brought on the ground that when he married Miss Tanner she had another husband living from whom she had not obtained a divorce. After some preliminaries the case was adjourned without date.

There is being quietly organized in Pittsburg a great coal trust or combine, which, according to one of the interested operators, will be able to give the giant Hocking Valley Combine "cards and spades and beat it out." A combination of all the railroad mines in Western Pennsylvania, to be known as the Western Coal Company, is the project of the local operators.

Frederick W. H. Otte, an Adams Express Company employe at Baltimore, Md., whose ribs were driven through his lungs in a crush between a car and a station doorway at Calvert recently, and who blew up like a balloon, has been reduced to his normal size. His internal hurts had swollen his face and body till his physician believed they would burst. But anodynes, plasters and careful treatment saved him.

One of the most sensational insurance suits ever known has just been settled in Wisconsin. F. J. Thrun insured his life for $59,000, and his alleged bones were found in his burned house. He was a poor mechanic, and the insurance companies alleged fraud and refused payment. They have now settled in full. The widow testified that the $11,000 paid on the insurance premiums had been dug up in the garden, the money being gold. She swore she was attracted to the spot by a blue flame.

A STORY OF INVENTION.

AN EARLY IDEA OF THE POWER OF STEAM.

The Effort to Introduce a Great Revolutionizing Force to an Incredulous Public in the Sixteenth Century Wrecked a Scientific Mind.

There lived in Normandy, where he was born, in 1576, a man named Solomon Caus. He was an engineer and architect, and had held several important positions. He wrote a great many scientific works and papers, of which, however, no one took much notice during his life, and finally was seized with an idea which made his friends and relatives fear that he was mad. After pestering the King and the Cardinal at Paris, he was ordered to be taken to Bicetre—the mad house—and there shut up. This was done. They had just one way with mad people in those days. They shut them in iron cages and fed them through the bars like wild beasts. They did this to Solomon Caus. For a long time he stood behind those bars all day and called to those who would listen, and to them repeated the story he had told the Cardinal. He became the jest of the place. Some of them even gave him writing materials, and then, amid the misery of his surroundings, he wrote down his ideas and amused his jailers so much the more. However, it could not be long before such a life, such surroundings, would shatter any brain. In time Solomon Caus was as mad as every one believed him.

It was in 1624 that an English nobleman, Lord Worcester, went to Paris and visited Bicetre. As he was passing through the great court accompanied by the keeper, a hideous face, with matted beard and hair appeared at the grating and a voice shrieked wildly, "Stop! stop! I am not mad. I am shut up here most unjustly. I have made an invention which would enrich the country that adopted it." "What does he speak of?" the Marquis asked his guide. "Oh, that is his madness," said the man, laughing. "That is a man called Solomon Caus; he is from Normandy; he believes that by the use of the steam of boiling water he can make ships go over the ocean and carriages travel by land; in fact, do all sorts of wonderful things. He has even written a book about it which I can show you." Lord Worcester asked for the book, glanced over it, and desired to be conducted to the cell of the writer. When he returned he had been weeping. "The poor man is certainly mad now," he said, "but when you imprisoned him here he was the greatest genius of the age. He has certainly made a very great discovery." After this Lord Worcester made many efforts to procure the liberty of the man, who doubtless would have been restored to reason by freedom and ordinary surroundings, but in vain; the Cardinal was against him, and his English friends began to fancy that he himself had lost his senses, for one wrote to another: "My lord is remarkable for never being satisfied with any explanations which are given him, but always wanting to know for himself, although he seems to pierce to the very center of a speaker's thoughts with his big blue eyes that never leave theirs. At a visit to Bicetre he thought he had discovered a genius in a madman, who declares that he would travel the world over with a kettle of boiling water. He desired to carry him away to London that he might listen to his extravagances from morning till night, and would, I think, if the maniac had not been actually raving and chained to the wall."

Thus in Bicetre died the man to whom, after his works were published, many people gave the credit of being the discoverer of steam power, and it is said that from the manuscript written in his prison Lord Worcester gathered the idea of a machine spoken of as a "water-commanding engine," which he afterward invented. Historians have denied that Caus died in prison, but there exists a letter written by Marion de Lorme, who was with Lord Worcester at the time of his interview with Caus, which establishes the fact beyond doubt.—Invention.

Unwise Experimenting.

We have all met the people whose constant theme of conversation is their own physical well-being; who eat and drink by rule; take medicine at stated intervals, but yet are always ailing. As soon as a man of this type has one weak part of his system renovated, some other part breaks down, and he has to go to work at that. He drinks sour beverages to thin his blood, and lies on his back, with his head toward the north, to make it circulate properly. When he imagines that his liver is acting in a reprehensible manner he stimulates it, or props it up, with a horseback ride before breakfast; and if his stomach does not perform its functions with accuracy and dispatch, he floods it with cold water before going to bed, or irrigates it with a seidlitz powder the moment he gets up in the morning. He is always doing or taking something to head off some infirmity. When he is not engaged in fortifying his system with Graham bread or oatmeal, he is developing some weak muscle with dumb-bells, or trying to create an appetite by sawing half a cord of wood before the dew is off the grass. He wears cork soles in his shoes, claiming that they act as rheumatic insulators. He is fond of explaining how much phosphorus there is in corn, fat producing qualities in cheese, and saccharine matter in wheat. He talks learnedly about the adulteration of food, tells gloomy stories of the effect hard boiled eggs have on the digestive organs of the idiot who eats them. He keeps himself sick trying to get well, wretched in efforts to attain ease, and goes into an early grave from the effects of trying to lengthen his days. To sum all up, he is a social nuisance, with the redeeming feature, that he punishes himself more than he does anybody else.

DANGEROUS RAINDROPS.

Why They Do Not Kill Those They Fall Upon.

Of course we all know that it would be an utter impossibility for storm clouds to form and rain to fall were it not for the forty odd miles of atmosphere that rise above our heads. But, supposing it were possible for human beings to exist in an atmosphere that only rose to a level with their mouths, and that storm clouds could form in the region outside such a low-grade atmosphere, then every raindrop would prove as fatal to earthly creatures as if it were a steel bullet fired from a dynamite gun, says *Nature*.

All falling bodies, whether they be crystal raindrops or meteorites, fall with what philosophers term "a uniform accelerated motion;" in other words, if a body be moving at a certain velocity at the expiration of one second from the beginning of its fall it will be moving with twice that velocity at the expiration of two seconds, gaining speed at a uniform rate throughout the whole course of its fall.

Careful experiments have shown that the rate per second at which bodies acquire velocity in falling through the air is thirty-two feet per second at the end of the first second from starting. At the end of the next second it is going at the rate of sixty-four feet per second, and so on through the whole time of falling. Where the velocity is known the space through which the body has fallen may be ascertained by multiplying the velocity at that period by the number of seconds during which it has been falling and dividing the result by two.

This rule applies, however, only to bodies falling through a vacuum. The resistance of our atmosphere materially retards raindrops, hailstones, aerolites and all other bodies which fall through it, and were it not for the resistance it presents, every rainstorm would be disastrous to the human race, as each drop would fall with a velocity great enough to penetrate the full length of a full grown man's body.

Found in the Sewer.

Before commencing operations the London sewer-hunters provide themselves with a bull's-eye lantern, a canvas apron, and a pole some seven or eight feet in length, having an iron attachment at one end somewhat in the shape of a hoe. For greater convenience, the lantern is invariably fixed to the right shoulder, so that when walking the light is thrown ahead, and when stooping its rays shine directly to their feet. Thus accoutred they walk slowly along through the mud, feeling with their naked feet for anything unusual, at the same time raking off the accumulation from the walls and picking up from the crevices any article they see. Nothing is allowed to escape them, no matter what its value, provided it is not valueless. Old iron, pieces of rope, bones, current coin of the realm, and articles of plate and jewelry—all is good fish which comes to the hunter's net. With "finds" in the way of coins, copper of course predominates; but silver and even gold pieces are often found. Shirt studs, diamond rings, silver spoons, silver drinking vessels, and many other quite out-of-place articles swell the list from time to time. Lucky finds such as those above mentioned do not deter the hunter from keeping a sharp lookout for less valuable articles as they float by. His "eagle eye" from long practice is capable of judging the worth of the floating refuse before it would be even discernible to the ordinary observer. Mile after mile does the sewer hunter traverse under ground until a tolerably heavy bag is a result of his labor. Night or day is all one to him. Some gangs enter the sewers at night and work on until morning, while others carry out the search only during the daytime. Rats abound everywhere, some of them being of enormous size, large enough to frighten any beginner at the game. The experienced hunter, however, takes no notice of them, and the rats are only too pleased to sneak away in the darkness.

The Cockroach.

One of the worst enemies which the cockroach has is the scorpion, the latter being able to run it down even in the open. It was in Jamaica, West Indies, that the writer, sitting in a room, carpeted, as all rooms are in the West Indies, noticed a cockroach crawling out from a chink between two boards. Those West Indian cockroaches are not the water bugs of this State. They are large, loathsome-looking insects, from an inch to an inch and a half long, and the curses of the tropics, as they will eat everything, destroying in a short time boots, books and clothing, and they leave a horrible odor behind them. Its only use seems to be that of a scavenger.

The particular cockroach in question came most cautiously from its retreat. The cockroach was on the forage and the watcher was waiting until it was far enough from its home to give him some chance of squashing out its life.

The chance never came, for of a sudden the roach darted off at full speed, a rate which is by no means to be despised, in an almost opposite direction to its home. In hot pursuit was a scorpion, its tail bent over its back, going at its utmost speed, which was much greater than that of the cockroach. The latter was soon held in the claws of the former, and a sting by the tail seemed to kill it, apparently, instantly. The writer had never seen a scorpion perform, but the good deed of this one did not prevent it soon finding a home among some of its relatives in a bottle of spirits.

It may be interesting to note that scorpions apparently have no power to harm the common fowl. Fowls are passionately fond of the roach, and the colored people in their quaint proverbs, have these two on the subject:

"When roach gib party, him neber ax fowls," and "If roach eber so drunk, him neber cross fowl yard."

CLEVELAND'S CABINET.

FIVE MEMBERS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SEATED.

Gresham Has Accepted—Carlisle, Lamont and Bissell are Certainties—Other Names are Said to be Fixed—But the Slate May be Broken.

It may now be stated authoritatively that Judge Walter Q. Gresham, of Illinois, is to be Secretary of State in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet. The members of the coming cabinet who are fully settled upon up to date are said on what appears to be good authority to be as follows:

Secretary of State—Walter Q. Gresham, of Indiana.

Secretary of the Treasury—John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.

Secretary of War—Daniel S. Lamont, of New York.

Postmaster General—Wilson S. Bissell, of New York.

Other possibilities are said to be: Hoke Smith, of Georgia, Secretary of Agriculture; Hilary Herbert, of Alabama, Secretary of the Navy; George A. Jenks, of Pennsylvania, or William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, Attorney-General.

Considerable doubt, however, may be said to exist in regard to the last three appointments. No name has yet been mentioned for Secretary of the Interior.

Of the members of the cabinet authoritatively selected Mr. Gresham may be said to be the leading Independent in the country, while Mr. Carlisle is the leading Democrat. Mr. Lamont and Mr. Bissell are personal friends of the President-elect, Lamont having been his Private Secretary during the previous administration, while Mr. Bissell was formerly Cleveland's law partner in the firm of Bass, Cleveland & Bissell, at Buffalo. Both are men of high character and large political experience.

In spite of the confident reports made there is a possibility that the cabinet slate may be changed at the last moment. This has happened before on the eve of a President taking office.

FORTY-THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Only Three Escaped From the New Hampshire Insane Asylum.

A terrible catastrophe occurred at Dover, N. H., when the insane asylum of Strafford county workhouse, about four miles out of the city, was entirely destroyed by fire, and forty-three of the inmates were burned to death. The building was a two-story wooden affair, 130x35 feet in dimensions, and burned like tinder, and only three of the inmates survive. Watchman Wilbur Chesley, who discovered the fire, made the following report:

"I was making my 10 o'clock round, and went into the asylum. I smelled smoke and saw a light in a cell occupied by Mrs. LaFountaine. I opened the door and saw a fire as big as a bushel basket at the foot of her bed. I pulled her out of the room and closed the door and called Mr. Driscoll, the keeper, and his wife. He helped me to break the locks and give a general alarm to all the inmates. I saw the LaFountaine woman go out into the yard. The fire ran rapidly through the building as if it was saturated with oil. There was no way of getting the insane people out. I had to run through a sheet of flame to get to the outside door myself. I gave a general alarm all through the big almshouse, but could do nothing to save the asylum."

The building was erected about twenty years ago, and cost $16,000.

THE FOREIGNERS WE GET.

Official Statement of the Immigration to this Country for 1892.

During the year 1892 the total number of immigrants landed in the United States was 543,487, against 590,666 in 1891. The greatest decline was in the arrivals from Russia, which have fallen from 73,177 in the preceding year to 52,267 in 1892. This does not include the arrivals from Poland, which numbered 26,889 in 1892. Germany's contribution to the country's population in 1892 was 118,278, against 123,401 in 1891. The tide of immigration from Italy has fallen from 68,481 in 1891 to 60,257 in 1892. The immigration from the United Kingdom has fallen from 120,732 in 1891 to 107,185 in 1892. From Austria-Hungary the arrivals numbered 69,926 in 1892, against 70,711 in 1891. The country from which immigration to the United States increased in 1892 was Sweden and Norway, with a contribution of 55,274, against 52,262 in 1891.

A HOSPITAL INVESTIGATION.

Affairs at the Poughkeepsie Institution to Be Looked Into.

The State Lunacy Commission of New York in a few days will begin an investigation of the affairs of the Hudson River State Hospital at Poughkeepsie. The scope of the investigation will include medical, financial, administrative, and executive work, and the treatment of patients. The ability of the administrative officers will also be inquired into. The investigation is to be conducted under the law by one of the Commissioners, although the members of the Board will all be present. It will be carried on at Poughkeepsie and will have the assistance of the Attorney-General's office.

Resisting Federal Courts.

A fight has been precipitated in South Carolina between the State authorities and the Federal courts. The issue was created in an attempt of the State to collect taxes against railroads declared to be invalid by the United States court. Governor Tillman notified all sheriffs to ignore the order of the Court and to levy on the roads, which has been done. The contention will undoubtedly be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

Sloop and Forty-five Chinamen Lost.

The smuggling sloop Cornelius, which left Cadboro Bay early in December with forty-five Chinamen aboard, destined for California, has not been heard from since. Shortly after she left Cadboro Bay there was a succession of severe gales, one of which it is feared sealed her fate. The sloop was only thirty feet long.

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